

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 108

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the students, teachers, and administrators of University School of Jackson, the top fundraising school for the 2015 St. Jude Math-A-Thon.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those exemplary schools that contribute significantly to improving the lives of others and serve as examples of the dedication that earned Tennessee the nickname of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary institution is the University School of Jackson (USJ), which was recently recognized by the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as the top fundraising school in America's largest education youth-based fundraiser, the St. Jude Math-A-Thon; and

WHEREAS, USJ holds the Math-A-Thon every two years in its Lower School with its Junior Cubs through fifth-grade classes. This year's theme was "Dreaming of a Cure," and the students wore pajamas to school to relax and have fun as they earned money for a wonderful cause; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2015, students completed math problems in exchange for donations from friends and family, raising more than \$77,000, the most raised by a school in the history of the program, and an improvement over their previous record of \$66,000 set in 2013. This year, USJ students created their own web sites at school to collect donations, making it easier for supporters to participate in the donation process; and

WHEREAS, under the dynamic leadership of Lower School counselor Laura Moore, the St. Jude 2013 Math-A-Thon Coordinator of the Year, USJ has become a special place where the students have embraced the opportunity to serve and have created an inspirational

community. Their dedication is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend the students, teachers, and administrators of the University School of Jackson upon its achievement as the top fundraising school for the 2015 St. Jude Math-A-Thon, applaud their dedicated service, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.